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Prior Application Art Unit: 3301 Prior Application Examiner: R. Racunas

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 08/641,811, filed May 2, 1996, by Bonadio et al., for APPARATUS FOR USE IN SURGERY AND A VALVE

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration of co-inventor Frank Bonadio, a copy of the Decision According Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) regarding co-inventor Alan Reid, which issued in the parent application, and drawings as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 08/641,811 as originally filed on May 2, 1996, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$ \$750.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	24	-	20	4	x \$18	72.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x \$84	84.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 906.00

2. ☒ Please charge attorney's deposit account \$906.00 to cover the cost of the filing fee.

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3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:

This is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/641,811, filed May 2, 1996, which is a continuation of International Application PCT/IE94/00045, filed September 6, 1994, which claims the benefit of priority to Irish Application No. 930649, filed September 6, 1993, and Irish Application No. 930650, filed September 6, 1993, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

4. ☒ The prior application is assigned to: Atropos Ltd.

5. ☒ A Revocation of Original Power of Attorney and Grant of New Power of Attorney is enclosed herewith. The New Power of Attorney is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewris, Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg. No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg. No. 30,907; Richard B. Racine, Reg. No. 30,415; Thomas H. Jenkins, Reg. No. 30,857; Robert E. Converse, Jr., Reg. No. 27,432; Clair X. Mullen, Jr., Reg. No. 20,348; Christopher P. Foley, Reg. No. 31,354; John C. Paul, Reg. No. 30,413; David M. Kelly, Reg. No. 30,953; Kenneth J. Meyers, Reg. No. 25,146; Carol P. Einaudi, Reg. No. 32,220; Walter Y. Boyd, Jr., Reg. No. 31,738; Steven M. Anzalone, Reg. No. 32,095; Jean B. Fordis, Reg. No. 32,984; Roger D. Taylor, Reg. 28,992; Barbara C. McCurdy, Reg. No. 32,120; James K. Hammond, Reg. No. 31,964; Richard V. Burgujian, Reg. No. 31,744; J. Michael Jakes, Reg. No. 32,824; Thomas W. Banks, Reg. No. 32,719; Christopher P. Isaac, Reg. No. 32,616; Bryan C. Diner, Reg. No. 32,409; M. Paul Barker, Reg. No. 32,013; Andrew Chanho Sonu, Reg. No.

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6. ☒ Copy of February 7, 1997 Decision According Status Under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) to the prior application serial no. 08/641,811 is enclosed.
7. ☒ Please address all correspondence regarding this case to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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